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FAMILY LISTING

A photolisting of approved North Carolina families interested in adopting North Carolina's waiting children

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Dear Adoption Advocate:

This is the most recent edition of the NC Kids Family Listing. These families are interested in adopting children with special needs and have been approved for placement. Please review to determine if any of these families might be a suitable placement resource for children in the custody of your agency. If you think one of these families might be a potential match for one of your children, please call NC Kids at the above number (or download additional copies from <http://www.state.nc.us/dss/proinfo/cw.htm>). NC Kids has copies of each family's preplacement assessment and would be happy to send you a copy. We are available from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

It is our hope that when new families are approved to adopt, you will complete the Family Registration Form (DSS-1821) and send it along with a photograph and a copy of the family's preplacement assessment to the address above so they can be added to the Family Listing. We believe that this is a valuable resource in assisting the children of North Carolina in finding a permanent family.

Feel free to circulate this list to all adoption social workers. The Family Listing is updated monthly and can be found at <http://www.dhhs.state.nc.us/dss/proinfo/cw.htm>.

If you have questions or information to share, please feel free to contact us at 877-625-4371.

Sincerely,
Beverley Smith
NC Kids Director

NC KIDS FEATURED FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Meet the Williams Family...



WILLIAMS
066-14367

Single
African American

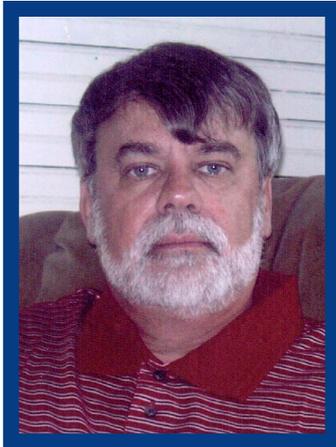
Pamela Williams is a friendly woman with a bubbly personality and a pleasant disposition. She is a licensed foster parent who has experience with behavioral issues, the sexually abused, emotional issues, etc. She is more than willing to learn about a child's specific special needs and to receive any training necessary to provide the best possible care for the child. Ms. Williams would prefer a healthy child, but she is accepting of some social and behavioral challenges, as well as some learning disabilities. She hopes to adopt a sibling group of two children of any race from infancy to six years. Pamela Williams has a sincere desire to help others and longs to open her heart and home to a child or sibling group.



BAKER
064-21556

Couple
Caucasian

Rob and Julia want to adopt a little boy younger than their birth daughter, who is currently seven years old. They are open to fostering-to-adopt and to contact with birth family. The Baker's combine qualities of a traditional family and lifestyle with their own talents and interests. Church and family are important to Julia, while Rob spends most of his time skate boarding. Rob and Julia are open to mild physical, emotional, or learning challenges.



BARTON
020-22810

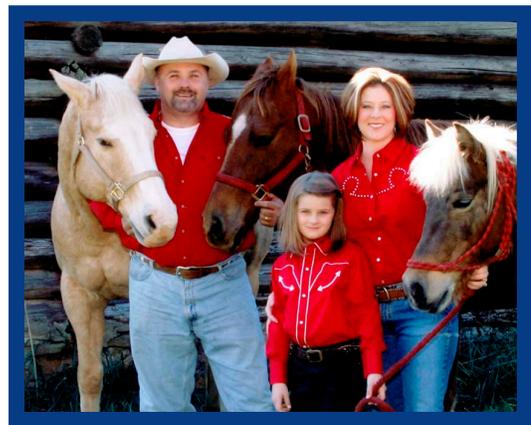
Single
Caucasian

Joe Barton is a retired school teacher with experience working with children with both learning and physical disabilities. After teaching for 29 years, Joe often visits the middle and high schools to keep in touch with former students and colleagues. He hopes to adopt a Caucasian boy of pre- or elementary school age and he will consider a child with mild special needs. Joe's older sister also resides in the home they both grew up in amongst the southern Appalachian mountains. Joe hopes his adopted son will enjoy the wonderful local outdoor activities such as hiking, camping, canoeing, and kayaking. Joe has several goats that live outdoors, as well as two dogs and a cat that live in the house.

BELL
081-24344

Couple
Caucasian

Brian and Sheila Bell would like to adopt a Caucasian boy between two and nine years of age and are accepting of possible mild emotional issues. They have parenting experience with their young birth daughter and would like to give Brian the opportunity to have another "guy" around the house to do things with that boys like to do. The Bell's have many strengths that would make them good foster or adoptive parents. Brian is very well educated and would place a strong emphasis on education. He is also very calming and would be a positive role model. Sheila is full of energy and enthusiasm and would keep the child focused and on task. She is outspoken and would be a strong advocate in regards to whatever needs the child might have.





BUTLER
042-24766

Couple
Caucasian

Mark and Stephanie Butler are a calm, yet warm and loving couple. They believe communication is the secret to a good relationship. Both Mark and Stephanie enjoy swimming, reading, watching movies, and spending quiet time together. Stephanie enjoys singing, although she admits Mark gives her no applause. The Butlers would like to adopt a Caucasian boy between one and six years old, but they will consider a sibling group or girl. They are open to mild physical, emotional, or learning challenges.

CASTRO
076-18916

Single
Caucasian

Angel Castro always wanted to move to the United States, so five years ago he left his home and family in Venezuela and moved to North Carolina. He is a school teacher and prepared to foster-to-adopt and love a Caucasian or Hispanic boy or girl up to the age of ten. Angel is open to children with mild to moderate special needs, but as a single parent, he does not feel he could adequately parent a child with severe special needs. He enjoys taking walks, going to the park, and watching movies. His faith is very important to Angel and he will encourage his adoptive child to attend church. Angel's family in Venezuela is very supportive of him adopting a child.

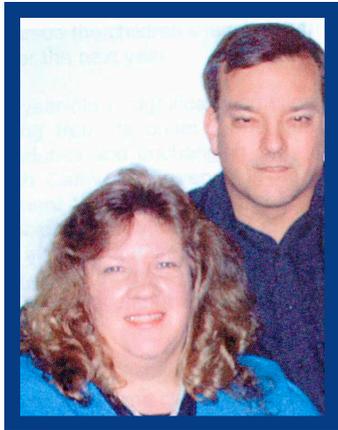


COBB
050-24422

Single
Caucasian

Jill Cobb would like to adopt a Caucasian boy or girl, or possible sibling group of two, between the ages of six and thirteen. Being a paramedic, Jill has some experience and the understanding of trauma, neglect, domestic violence, and substance abuse and the impact they can have on a child. She is currently enrolled in nursing school and combined with being a single parent, does not believe she can adequately parent a child with serious medical issues. Jill feels she can handle a multitude of minor issues such as allergies, asthma,





CRABTREE
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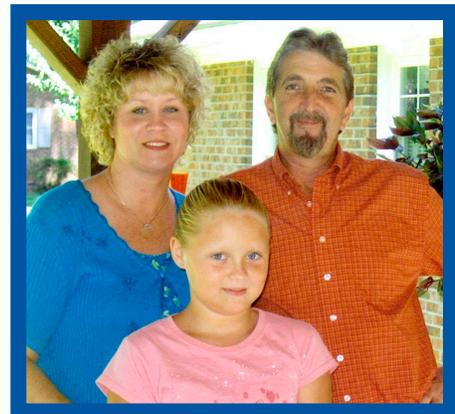
Couple
Caucasian

Dean and Cathy are licensed foster parents who would like to foster-to-adopt from one to four siblings between birth and ten years of age. They are open to a variety of mixed ethnicities and genders. They feel capable of successfully parenting children with mild physical, learning, or mental retardation challenges and possibly moderate emotional challenges. The Crabtree's have two grown birth daughters in college, so they have parenting experience. Young children without severe behavioral concerns are most likely to find safety, consistency, and stability within the Crabtree family's quiet, home-oriented and strict lifestyle. Cathy is a piano teacher who works at home and Dean has recently loosened his work schedule to allow for more time with the children. This is a family that is a "package deal" for all of their foster children and will be so for their adoptive kids, which includes their extended family (Cathy's parents are right next door!) and friends.

DANIELS
074-23855

Couple
Caucasian

Michael and Jennifer, who goes by "Lynn", Daniels would like to increase their family by welcoming in a younger brother or sister for their six-year-old birth daughter. The Daniels family hopes to adopt one child of either sex, from birth to five years of age. They would like a Caucasian child, but are open to Asian or a biracial mix of Caucasian/Asian or Caucasian/Hispanic. They are open to a child with no or mild emotional or learning challenges.



DAVIS
064-23052

Single
African American

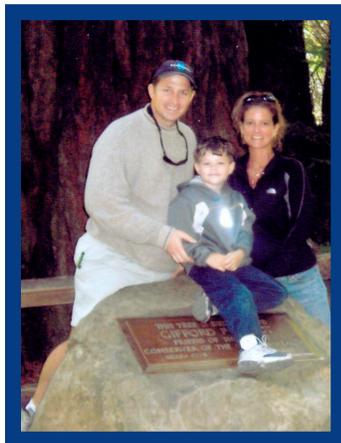
Tamara is warm and friendly woman hoping to foster-to-adopt a boy and/or girl between birth and 7 years of age. She has no ethnic preferences other than that the child speaks English. Because she is currently working towards a bachelor's degree, Tamara prefers a child without severe physical or emotional challenges. She is open to a child with mild physical or emotional challenges and up to severe learning disabilities. Tamara has worked with children in the past and is excited about welcoming a child into her home and heart.



EDMUNDSON
064-22692

Couple
African American

Steve and Mary Edmundson are a delightful and fun couple with a solid relationship. They were high school sweethearts and have grown together as a couple and parents over their twenty years of marriage. They have two birth sons in their home and one adult son not living in the home. Mary is a minister and they are very active with their church. Steve and Mary are interested in fostering-to-adopt one or two little girls aged newborn to two years old. They are open to any race or racial combination and can accept mild physical, emotional, or learning challenges. The Edmundson's are licensed foster parents and open to a legal risk placement.



FORD
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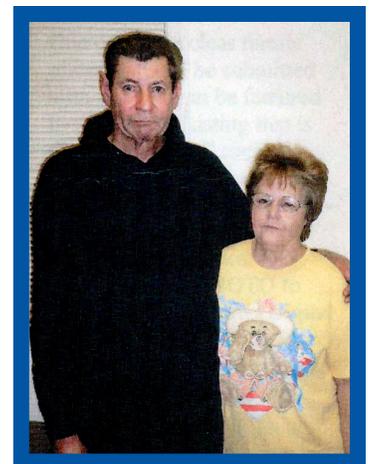
Couple
Caucasian

Vaughn and Kimberly Ford feel that they have been blessed financially and emotionally and want to give a child a loving and Christian home. They have one birth son and would like the opportunity for him to be a big brother. They indicated that, through MAPP training, they have learned a great deal about issues pertaining to children in the welfare system. The Fords hope to adopt a Caucasian girl under five years of age. They are open to moderate special needs, which they prefer to assess on an individual basis. The Fords do not feel able to accept a child with long-term major medical issues.

GILFILLAN
042-24710

Couple
Native American/Caucasian and Caucasian

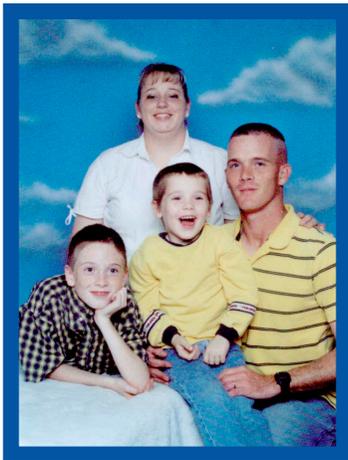
Johnny and Frances Gilfillan have previously adopted four children and were foster parents for over thirteen years. They have a very good understanding of children with special needs and because of their own backgrounds, understand the issues of loss and separation. The Gilfillan's each have three adult children from previous marriages with whom they keep in frequent contact. They hope to adopt two more children between four and six years old and are open to mild physical challenges and up to moderate emotional and/or learning challenges. The Gilfillan's are open to Caucasian, Native American, or biracial children.



HIGHSMITH
041-15218

Single
African American

You might say that Gail Highsmith has parenting experience to the max, considering she has raised five birth children and adopted one child. She was also a Guardian ad Litem at one time. Gail is hoping to adopt up to three more children between birth and thirteen years old. Having experienced some special needs through her adopted daughter that include learning challenges, grief/loss issues, PTSD, and lack of social skills, Gail is willing to considering children with these issues or others. She is not prepared for children with sexual reactivity or attachment disorder. Her adopted daughter says Gail is fair and when the work is done, she likes to have fun.



HOPPER
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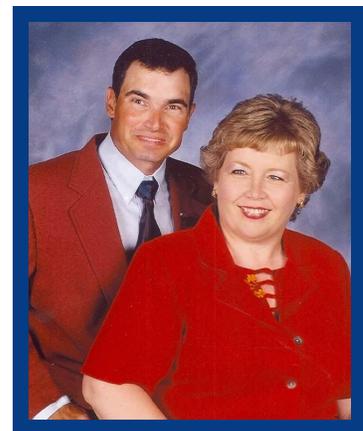
Couple
Caucasian

Richard and Becky have so much to offer a child. They are a young and energetic couple with a loving and stable marriage. Having a child with Asperger's Syndrome has given them experience and insight in understanding, loving, and raising children with extreme special needs. They would like to adopt a girl of any ethnicity between age four and eleven to be a sister to their two birth sons. They are open and prepared to love and commit to a child with mild learning or moderate emotional challenges. The family enjoys attending church and church related activities, as well as swimming, playing outside, and riding four-wheelers.

JONES
080-23859

Couple
Caucasian

Mike and Gina Jones are that couple who are so welcoming and relaxed that you immediately feel at home. This even applies to the social workers who, when making visits to their foster children, stay longer than necessary because they enjoy the couple so much. Mike and Gina are licensed foster parents, so they have experience with the special needs of children in foster care. They hope to adopt a Caucasian boy or girl or sibling group of two children, between birth and six years of age. The Jones' are open to children with mild emotional or learning challenges.





HOUSE
064-22198

Couple
Caucasian

William and Tammy House are a delightful couple who are interested in becoming parents through adoption. They are willing to become foster parents for the purpose of foster-to-adopt placements only. The House's hope to adopt a Caucasian girl between five and ten years of age, but are willing to consider a boy in the same age range. They hope to adopt a relatively healthy child, but are willing to discuss mild physical and emotional challenges. William and Tammy are hardworking, caring, positive, upbeat, dependable, and just plain "good people" who make you feel comfortable in their presence.

LANGLEY
074-23954

Couple
Caucasian

Mark and Joy Langley would like to adopt a Caucasian, Hispanic, or Pacific Islander/Hawaiian boy or girl between birth and ten years of age. They are open to mild learning, physical, or emotional challenges. Both Mark and Joy work in law enforcement, he as a detention officer and she as a deputy sheriff. The Langleys' believe that their experience with children gives them an advantage. They consider themselves as "caring, but stern", and understand that the discipline must match the child.



LAUGHREY
042-23964

Single
Caucasian

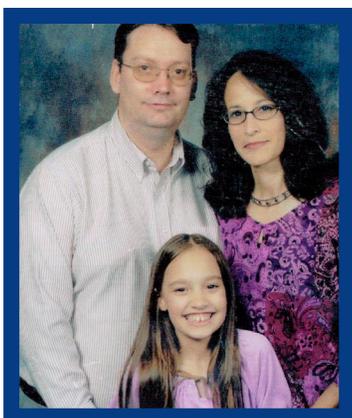
Kimberly Laughrey would like to adopt as many as two children between birth and four years of age. She is open to several ethnicities and possibly mild physical, emotional, or learning challenges. Ms. Laughrey works from home, so she will have more time to spend with her child. She is very family oriented and considers her parents her best friends.



LITTLE
018-16152

Couple
Caucasian

Walter, or “Ryan” as he prefers to be called, and Christina Little are interested in adopting one child from age five to eleven. They will consider a Caucasian, Asian, Indian, Hispanic, or any combination of Caucasian/biracial child. The Littles’ prefer a female child, but will consider a male. They are open to moderate physical, emotional, or learning challenges. Ryan and Christina enjoy sharing activities such as attending church, camping, hiking, water skiing, and watching movies. Ryan plays the piano and Christina sings. Ryan is a licensed pilot and Christina enjoys crafts, swimming, and exercising.



LOTT
043-23106

Couple
Caucasian

Mark and Sarah Lott are interested in foster-to-adopt a Caucasian/Hispanic girl between birth and fifteen years of age. They prefer a healthy child with no more than mild special needs. Both Mark and Sarah have experience as teachers and Sarah currently homeschools their birth daughter. Sarah understands that homeschooling might not be appropriate for some children in care and will adapt. Sarah enjoys singing in the church choir, scrap booking, cooking, and socializing. Mark enjoys gardening, computer games, and fishing. Their nine-year-old daughter likes to play with Barbies, hike, ride her bike, and play with friends.

MANN
026-25526

Couple
African American

Anthony and Gloria Mann and their children are a loving close-knit family who desire to add more happiness to their family. They would like to adopt a child or a sibling group of two between birth and eight years of age. There are no gender preferences, but they do prefer an African American or bi-racial child with no more than mild physical, mental, emotional, or learning challenges. The Mann’s enjoy family outings such as attending church and taking trips. They also enjoy watching television and conversational time.





MATHER
019-25481

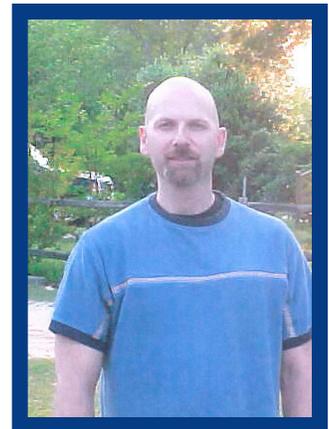
Couple
Caucasian

Cliff and Linda Mather feel blessed to have three healthy and loving birth children and are interested in adopting up to two siblings of any race or gender. They believe that adopting a child or children of any race will enrich their lives and bring a positive new dimension to their family. The Mather's prefer to adopt children as young as possible, but are open to children up to seven years of age. They are prepared to handle mild special needs, but feel best equipped to parent healthy children. Cliff and Linda are fully prepared to provide the child with all appropriate resources, should any medical or developmental needs arise. The Mather's relocated to North Carolina from California to establish a less stressful and hectic lifestyle. They are devoted to their children and live a very family-centered lifestyle.

MAXWELL
026-20090

Single
Caucasian

Kevin Maxwell has a pleasant and welcoming demeanor. He is currently employed at a Christian school where he teaches seventh and eighth grade children. Kevin has worked with and taught special needs children and has worked with children in some capacity for the majority of his life. He lives on a family farm community with extended family surrounding him. Kevin would like to adopt a Caucasian boy between 5 and 10 years of age. He will consider adopting a male sibling if two children are to be adopted together. He is open to a child with moderate emotional and mental needs and mild physical and medical needs.



MCINNIS
076-11758

Couple
African American

Larry and Julia McInnis would like to adopt one child or a sibling group of two African American or African American/Caucasian boys and/or girls between birth and fourteen years of age. Mild emotional, academic, or medical special needs will be considered. Since there are no other children in the McInnis home, they could be a possible match for only/youngest children. Larry and Julia prefer not to become licensed foster parents as they have already had a couple of disappointments after visiting with children and do not want their hearts broken by the possibility of losing a legal risk child.





MECIMORE
049-14911

Couple
Caucasian

Bruce and Pamela seek to fulfill their dreams of a happy family by adopting up to three siblings from infant to eleven years old. They prefer children of a Caucasian background, but are also open to Latino and American Indian. This loving couple feels prepared for children dealing with mild emotional problems, as well as children with mild learning disabilities. However, they feel less confident regarding children who are physically or mentally handicapped. Bruce and Pamela believe that a good education is necessary for children to succeed and are ready to help their future children with the guidance and resources they will need. The couple's lifestyle is centered around family and work. They love to go camping and care for their pets. Bruce has an adult son from a previous marriage and both have had other experiences working with children. They are prepared and eager to share their lives and their home.

MCNEILL
026-17157

Couple
African American

Roscoe and Maggie McNeill are a lively and active couple. Roscoe works full time during the day, while Maggie works part-time and will be at home to raise their adoptive child. They have parenting experience with one adult child with disabilities who lives next door, and one child with no special needs. Roscoe and Maggie believe they have a lot to offer a child with mild mental, emotional, or medical needs. They hope to adopt a girl of any racial heritage between birth and age six.



MORRIS
098-23949

Single
Caucasian

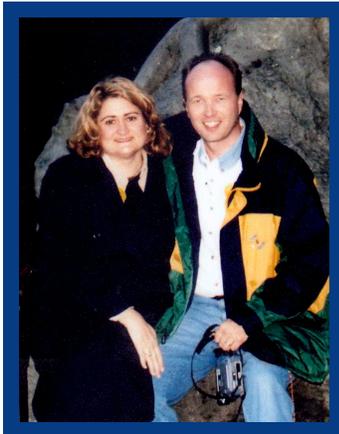
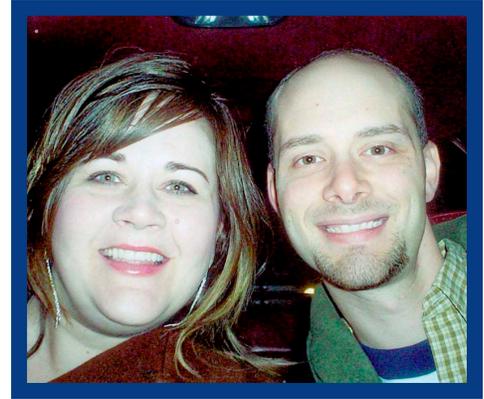
Ginger Morris would like to adopt a Caucasian boy or girl between birth and five years old. She is open to mild physical, emotional, or learning challenges. Ginger understands the needs of children in care through her MAPP training class. She has experienced loss in her own life, so Ginger feels she has a better understanding of the necessary resources needed to help meet the needs of potential children placed in her home.



MURDOCK
035-17065

Couple
Caucasian

Michael and Stephanie Murdock are pursuing or have been licensed as foster parents. While they might prefer one or two children younger than five, they are open to any race or age. They feel comfortable adopting children with mild physical or emotional challenges and up to moderate learning challenges. Both Michael and Stephanie have Bachelor's degrees in Biblical Studies, while Michael is completing a master's degree. Stephanie is a part-time Nanny for three children, but will stop working when they adopt a child.



NORBERG
090-20002

Couple
Caucasian

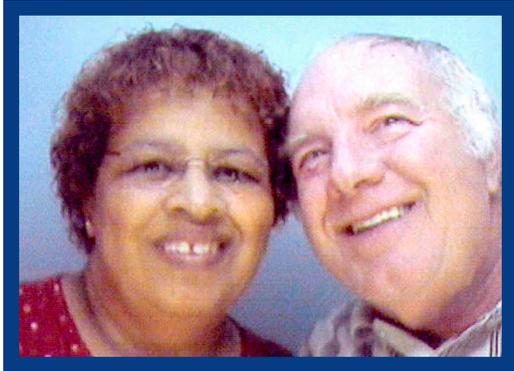
Ken and Andrea Norberg are foster parents who would like to adopt up to three Caucasian, Hispanic, Asian, or biracial children from birth to age six. They are open to legal risk placements and will consider older children on an individual basis. They feel capable of parenting children with mild physical, emotional, or learning challenges. Ken and Andrea are a vivacious couple whose comforting personalities make a stranger feel at ease and welcome in their home. Both are active in their church and church choir and enjoy politics, traveling, gardening, computers, and animals. The Norberg's raise honeybees and have a cat. They have many friends and enjoy socializing and spending time with family and friends.

OWENS
039-22865

Couple
Caucasian

Chris and Wendy Owens are a happy couple who enjoy fishing, swimming, and playing with their dogs. They are lovable, outgoing, and fun-loving and would like to adopt a boy or girl of any ethnicity between birth and ten years of age. Wendy has experience fostering and has been her church's youth director for 10-18 year olds for the past year. They are licensed and prepared for a legal risk or foster-to-adopt child with mild to moderate challenges.





PARTIN
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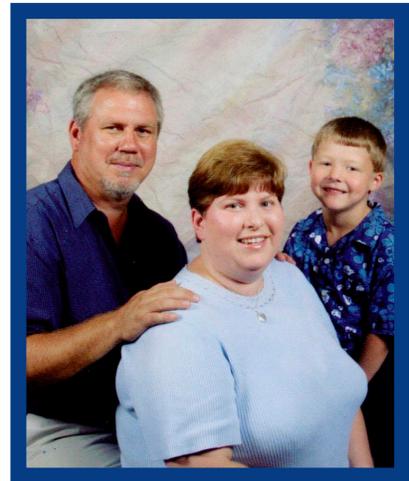
Couple
African American & Caucasian

Elbert and Lynda Partin have each raised two daughters, both now grown with their own families. They would like to adopt a school-aged girl between eight and seventeen years of age. They have no ethnic preferences, but feel they are qualified and eager to adopt a biracial child with very mild challenges. The Partins live on a small farm with lots of animals, including one cat, some fish, and two birds indoors, and goats, turkeys, chickens, roosters and other birds outdoors. The family loves to travel and looks forward to sharing their time-shares with their new family member.

PERKINSON
042-19500

Couple
Caucasian

Tammy and William Perkinson have experienced adopting one child with special needs and hope to adopt a little sister or brother for him. They are open to a variety of ethnic backgrounds and up to mild physical, emotional, or learning challenges. The Perkinson's are familiar with available resources and how they benefit special needs children. Tammy is a registered psychiatric nurse at a local hospital and has experience with behavior problems. The Perkinson's are a caring, loving, and nurturing family and are recommended to adopt another child.



PERO
045-24850

Couple
Caucasian

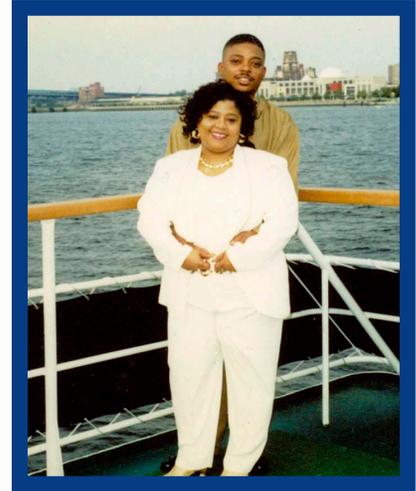
Herb and Linda Pero wish to adopt a newborn up to age four set of twins or sibling group of Caucasian, Asian, or Native American heritage. They are extremely capable of rearing children with special needs due to alcohol and/or drug exposure or with mild physical or mental disabilities. Linda is a registered nurse who works with physically and mentally challenged children. Herb has volunteered enough hours in rewiring damaged homes from flooding that he is able to apply for a North Carolina electrician's license.



PIERCE
091-23724

Couple
African American

Alicia and Charles are a fun, happy, and hard-working couple hoping to adopt up to five children between birth and ten years of age. They have no preference for race or gender and feel confident in nurturing and raising children with up to moderate challenges in any category. Alicia has some experience as the birth child of a foster parent. Her mother fostered children for many years and they still keep in touch with all of them. They are licensed foster parents and would like to foster-to-adopt.



POLAND
041-22686

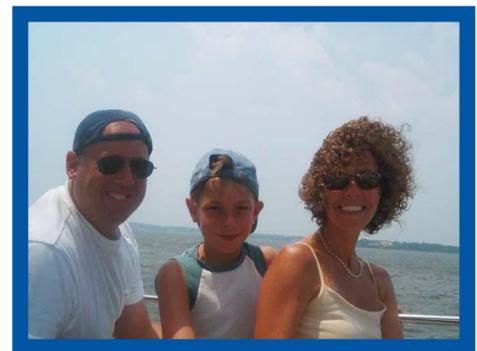
Couple
Caucasian

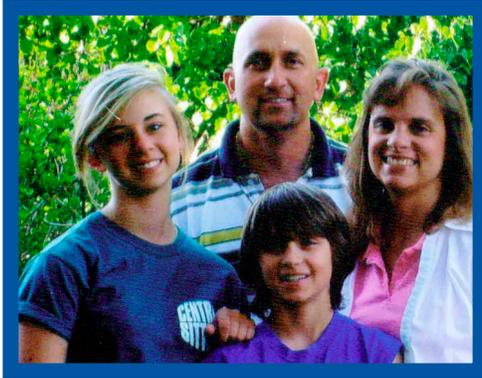
West and Martha Poland are a strong faith-based family who believe that through their life's experiences they will be able to provide a loving home to children in need. They are not, however, without a sense of fun or humor. "My husband and I are a lot of fun and are just a cool couple. We love to laugh and enjoy life," quotes Martha. The Poland's hope to adopt a sibling group of two Caucasian boys (will consider girls) between birth and six years of age. They are open to up to moderate physical, emotional, or learning challenges. Upon the finalized adoption, Martha intends to become a stay-at-home mom and, having been a school teacher, she will home school the children.

PRESLAR
062-23141

Couple
Caucasian

Brian and Donna Preslar are interested in a legal risk placement and adopting a male or female child between birth and six years. They will consider a sibling group. They prefer a Caucasian child and are open to mild physical and/or emotional challenges. Their birth son is also looking forward to having a brother or sister. The Preslars are a wonderful family with a solid marriage. Brian and Donna are competent, hardworking, and extremely motivated. They have a beautiful home and the resources that will allow them to provide a wholesome and loving atmosphere. They also realistic ideas about raising children and have expressed positive ways of disciplining them.





QUEEN
076-21222

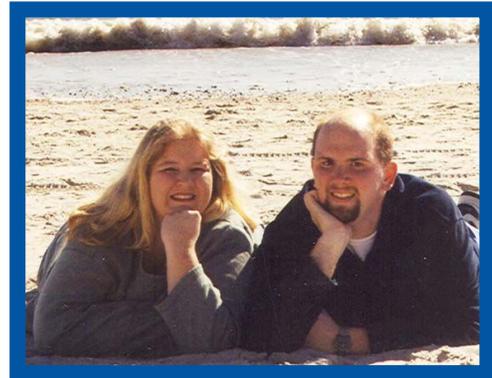
Couple
Caucasian

The Queen family decided as a unit to adopt a child or children. They have a strong support system in their church family and biological family. Bret and Angela, along with their birth children Jade and Alex, hope to adopt up to four children between two and twelve years of age. They have no preference for race or gender and are open to mild physical and up to moderate emotional or learning challenges. Music is very important to the Queens who have a Christian rock group called "Thyrst". They play at various churches, festivals, and events about twice a month. Angela gives voice lessons and daughter Jade teaches dance to young children. Bret and Alex are usually wrapped up in playing ball.

RAMEY
064-13345

Couple
Caucasian

Michael and Tara are a young couple with a heartfelt desire to help children in need. They are willing to foster-to-adopt one or two children younger than their two and half-year-old twins. They are accepting of Caucasian or Caucasian/biracial children with mild medical, physical, emotional, or learning special needs. Tara's experience as a nanny to triplets and quadruplets should come in very handy.



SHAW
026-13097

Couple
Caucasian & African American

William and Constance Shaw are a loving, open-minded couple who would like to adopt up to four children from birth to age ten. They have no real preference for gender or race, but they would like to adopt a biracial Caucasian/African American child if available. The Shaw's fostered a child with fairly severe mental, physical, and developmental challenges. They feel they are prepared and able to adopt children with up to moderate physical, emotional, learning, or mental retardation challenges. The Shaw's enjoy going to the mountains, the beach, and panning for gold. They also enjoy sharing time with friends.



SHERBERT
025-18671

Couple
Hispanic & Caucasian

Having been adopted himself, Kevin Sherbert is looking forward to giving that opportunity to another child. He and his wife, Dina, have experience with children through their church and the youth group there. They hope to adopt up to two Caucasian or Hispanic boys and/or girls with possibly mild emotional, physical, or learning challenges. Kevin would like to share his woodworking skills and love for making furniture with their adopted child/ren.

SHERROD
032-19867

Single
African American

Shuphora Sherrod is a friendly and very likable woman. She is an experienced foster parent who would like to adopt a child or sibling group of up to four children. Ms. Sherrod has no gender or ethnicity preferences and will consider the special needs of each on an individual basis. Compatibility and "fit" are the most important criteria to Shuphora. She has a strong support system, including her mother, who is a therapeutic foster parent. Shuphora enjoys being a member of a motorcycle club, going to movies, home improvement projects, working out at the gym, and entertaining friends. She is aware that her life will change in remarkable ways when she welcomes a child into her family and she is prepared for those changes. Shuphora plans to continue fostering children, so her adopted child must be compatible with other children.



SIMPSON
049-16785

Single
Caucasian

Rosemary and her birth daughter, Savannah, are looking forward to adopting a sister for Savannah between two and nine years old. Rosemary is a licensed foster parent and prefers a foster-to-adopt child of Caucasian, Hispanic, Asian, or Native American descent. She is open to a child with up to moderate emotional or learning challenges. Savannah would like to introduce her new sister to the joys of acrobatics, acting, and Girl Scouts.





SMITH
091-16043

Couple
African American

Charles and Lucy Smith have ten biological and 4 adopted children between them. They enjoy raising children and have always had many children in their home. Their most recent adopted son, a foster child, and their grandson are currently the only children still at home. Charles and Lucy are interested in adopting one or two boys of any race or cultural background between twelve and eighteen years of age. They are open to children with mild physical or mental retardation challenges and up to moderate emotional or learning challenges.

STAPLEFORD
074-22620

Couple
Caucasian

David and Kristin Stapleford would like to adopt a Caucasian infant from birth to two years of age, although they might consider up to four years old. They are open to possible mild physical or learning challenges. The Staplefords enjoy going to movies, eating at special restaurants, and going to UNC basketball games. David loves tinkering with gadgets, while Kristin enjoys reading and her stint coaching their church's cheerleading squad.



TEAGUE
019-17082

Couple
Caucasian

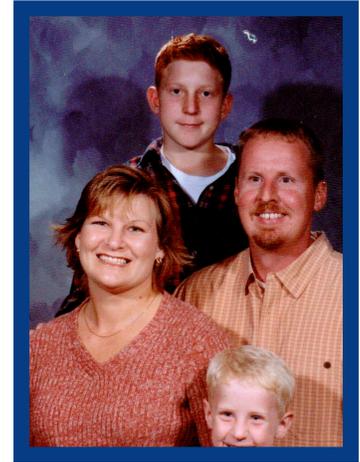
Having parented young Cody all of his sixteen years, James and Tracy Teague feel they have the time, experience, resources, and commitment to adopt a school-aged Caucasian boy or girl, five to twelve years old. The Teagues are an open, loving, happy, fun Christian family and would like to welcome a child with minimal challenges, although they are willing to discuss children on an in-



THOMPSON
062-21891

Couple
Caucasian

John and Olafia believe that having a close-knit family is one of their strengths and after spending time with them, you see how true that is. They also believe that by having a “blended” family (Olafia’s birth son and John and Olafia’s birth son together), they will be better prepared for another child. As a family the Thompson’s enjoy shopping, family functions, and vacations. John loves to golf and Olafia enjoys scrap-booking, crafts, and flower gardening. They hope to adopt a girl between birth and five of Caucasian ethnicity, but are open to different or mixed races. The Thompson’s can consider a child that is emotionally or intellectually challenged and they will consider a sibling group to prevent separation.



WALIGORA
016-23029

Couple
Caucasian

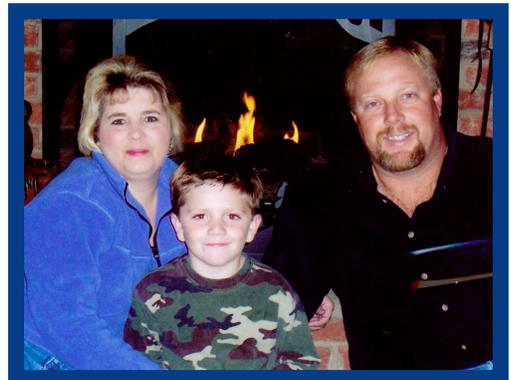


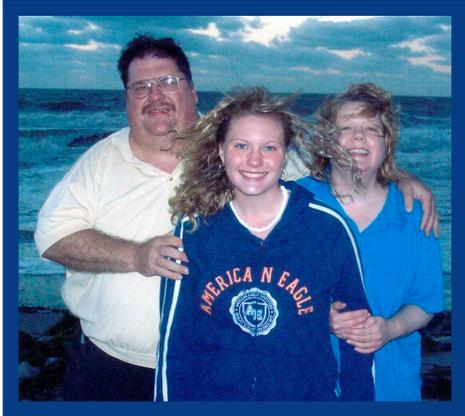
Norm and Laura’s twenty year marriage can be characterized by a deep love and commitment to one another. Norm is a kind and compassionate pastor while Laura is a loving homemaker to their three very active birth children, ages 13 through 17. They would like to adopt a child or siblings of any race or gender between four and ten years old. They feel capable of loving and parenting children with mild up to moderate for some special needs. They do not feel a medically fragile, immobile, or violent/self-destructive child would be a good match. The Waligora family has the benefit of knowing other families who have adopted through the foster care system and are encouraged and inspired to provide a stable home for someone who has had a rough start. They are an active, spiritual, fun-loving family and they believe their adoptive child’s name has already been written in their hearts, they just have not heard it yet.

WHALEY
074-22782

Couple
Caucasian

Michael and Melissa have known each other since elementary school when Melissa told her mother she would marry Michael. Many years later, she did just that. Having already adopted one child, the Whaley’s are both experienced and very excited about adopting another to add to their loving family. They would like to adopt a Caucasian or biracial Hispanic/Caucasian boy or girl between birth and four years of age. Michael and Melissa hope to adopt a child who is in good health, or who has minor correctable health needs.





WIDENER
034-8416

Couple
Caucasian

William and Linda Widener have been licensed foster parents since 2004. They have a great deal of parenting experience with their birth daughter, who will be in college. William and Linda also have plenty of experience working with the school system and ensuring that all resources have been utilized in advocating for their daughter's learning disability. They will ensure that an adopted child will receive whatever resources he or she requires. The Widener's would like to adopt one or two girls between three and fifteen years of age. They are open to a wide range of ethnicities and feel confident in loving, supporting, and successfully raising children with mild physical or learning challenges and up-to-moderate emotional challenges.

WILLIAMS
001-22991

Couple
Caucasian

Mike and Kari would like to adopt up to three children of either gender, between one and nine years old. They would prefer two male and one female siblings, as young as possible. They feel best equipped to parent healthy children, but are fully prepared to provide the children with all appropriate resources should any medical or developmental needs arise. Mike and Kari are a loving couple who share many common interests and a common set of values. They have a wonderful support system of friends and family who are available to offer them guidance and advice.



WINNER
064-24828

Couple
Caucasian

Jeremy and Heather both have a deep faith in God and both agree that it has helped them through some trying times. They are a warm, friendly, and loving couple who would like to adopt or foster-to-adopt a Caucasian child between birth and age five, or a sibling group of two children. They are willing to consider mild physical or emotional challenges and up to moderate learning challenges. Being one of fourteen siblings, Jeremy knows how to keep his cool and carries that into his career of being a police officer. Working with kindergarten children in school makes Heather very happy and she thrills at the transformation of what they have learned as they move up to first grade. Jeremy and Heather are two very special people, as befit the titles, "Officer of the Year" and "Teacher Assistant of the Year". That's a very special couple.



WOODARD
064-24857

Couple
African American

James and Mabel complement each other wonderfully and exhibit a calmness reflective of over twenty years of marriage. James is quite a “joker” and can quickly engage anyone in conversation with his endless questions. He loves to sing and doesn’t care whether he’s in the church choir or at home alone, he will sing. Mabel is a quiet, loving woman with a smile that lights up her face and eyes when she hears James mention family ties. The Woodard’s are incredibly loving people with five years experience as foster parents and one adopted son. James is at home during the day and always available for the children. They would like to foster-to-adopt a girl of any ethnicity between birth and seven years of age. They are open to mild emotional, physical, learning, or mental retardation challenges.



ZEEK
025-19273

Couple
Caucasian

Donald and Leslie have much to offer an adoptive child. Their own upbringings have enhanced their knowledge and understanding about the needs of children. Leslie’s birth daughter lives with them, while her birth son lives with his father and visits frequently. The birth son has emotional and mental health issues. They believe that their faith and experience gives them the strength and commitment to love and help another child. They hope to adopt a girl of any ethnicity between five and twelve years old. The Zeek’s feel well-equipped to deal with the issues of a child with mild physical, moderate learning, or up to severe emotional challenges.



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